

# April 4, 2023 Ballot Proposition FACT SHEET

# Proposition #2 - Areawide Emergency Medical Services, Public Safety and Public Transportation

\$4,620,000

# **Projects**

Public Safety and Emergency Medical Service

Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network Infrastructure Upgrade \$1,700,000
Fire Ambulance Replacement \$810,000
Fuel Tanks \$500,000
School Zone Safety \$500,000

**Public Transportation** 

Transit Facilities, Centers, and Bus Stop Improvements \$ 445,000
Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & \$ 665,000

Expansion

Total \$4,620,000

# Public Safety and Emergency Medical Services Project Descriptions

# Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network (AWARN) Infrastructure Upgrade - \$1,700,000

The Anchorage Wire Area Radio Network (AWARN) is the land mobile radio system used by all MOA public safety, utility and general government departments. These upgrades will replace components of the fixed system that have reached the end of their service life. Additional modifications and replacements are necessary to maintain the security level of the system. The vast majority of Anchorage Police Department (APD) portable and mobile radios were purchased in 2010 or earlier. Those radios have exceeded their expected service life. This includes 50 dual band portable radios, 435 single band portable radios, and 250 single band mobile radios. These funds will be used as match to Federal funds that will be available to help fund this project.

# Fire Ambulance Replacement - \$810,000

Programmed replacement or re-chassis of Areawide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) ambulances to provide basic and advanced life support services and transport patients throughout the Municipality of Anchorage. Funding will replace MICU ambulances in accordance with the Anchorage Fire Department's (AFD) vehicle replacement plan. Ambulances are heavily used and incur high levels of mileage; ambulances are replaced approximately every 7 years. This will be the final year of purchasing new replacement ambulances as the Municipality transitions to doing a re-chassis.

## Fuel Tanks - \$500,000

Fuel is maintained at the fire stations to ensure response readiness in times of emergency or fuel shortage. Gasoline fuel tanks are needed for ambulances and other emergency medical service (EMS) vehicles that require gasoline fuel because of the conversion of ambulances from diesel fuel to gasoline. This funding would provide for two new tanks at Fire Station # 1 and Fire Station #9, and one replacement tank at the Fire maintenance shop that has reached end of service life.

#### School Zone Safety - \$500,000

This project will upgrade and/or modify school zone signage, signals, and markings to meet Federal, State, and Local requirements. Projects may also include improvements to the school walking routes. The schools to be targeted for improvements with these funds are Chinook, Wonder Valley, and Chester Park Elementary.



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# **Public Transportation Project Descriptions**

Note: Bond proceeds will provide a 9.03% to 20% match to Federal funds that will be available to help fund each project.

## Transit Facilities, Centers, and Bus Stop Improvements - \$445,000

This project funds the upgrade of bus stop sites to meet both the federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and the operational needs. Typical improvements include, but are not limited to; bus shelters, benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, grading, paving, utility relocations, lighting, curb adjustments, drainage, constructing paths, and construction/reconstruction of turnouts. Typical facility activities include design/engineering, upgrades, rehabilitation, and construction/reconstruction not limited to safety, security, facility equipment, structures, underground storage tanks, parking lots, sidewalks, and drainage. Additionally, this project supports an on-going effort to provide major transit facilities in key areas of the city and major destinations.

#### Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & Expansion - \$665,000

This funding will be used for the improvements and expansion to existing transit and paratransit fleets, demand response and fixed route service. Typical support equipment includes, but is not limited to: fareboxes, ticket readers with issue attachments that issue passenger passes on the bus; security systems; transit/signal improvements for headway enhancements; mechanical equipment and other improvements for facilities; mobile display terminals and vehicle communications, radios, and location systems. This project also funds the purchase of replacement vehicles and equipment to support operation of the transit system. Typical purchases include pickup racks, maintenance trucks with special equipment, supervisor vehicles, shift change vehicles, forklifts, sweepers, and bus access snow removal equipment.

# Costs Associated with Bond Approval

Bond Principal Amount \$4,620,000
Estimated Annual Cost of Debt Service \$355,168
Annual Increased Operations and Maintenance Costs \$0

### Estimated Annual Property Tax Increase for \$100,000 of Assessed Property Value:

To Retire Debt \$0.96 Operations and Maintenance Costs \$0.00

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It is the expectation of the Municipality of Anchorage that the general obligation bonds proposed for April 4, 2023 will be used to make capital improvements as noted. Information contained herein describes how MOA expects to use the bond proceeds. However, as project development progresses, changes in scope, project feasibility, phasing, timeline, or estimated costs may occur that result in acceleration, delay, or adjustments related to the above projects.